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From: Croxton, Dave

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:29 AM

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- Regional TMDL Dedicated Funding Needs for FY13

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Dedicated Funding Needs for FY13

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Subject: RE: Fw: Additional Input Requested from each Regional TMDL program by Wednesday (Sept 19) - Regional TMDL Dedicated Funding Needs for FY13

Hi Dave,

Leigh included the Hangman Creek TMDL in the list of funding needs and did not check off litigation threat. He realized he did not need to provide additional information after all. I am keeping your email for when Dave C makes the decisions on how to allocate the FY12 funds.

Jayne

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"Ragsdale, Dave (ECY)" ---09/21/2012 09:15:23 AM---Hello Leigh and Jayne. I am unaware of any imminent litigation risk regarding the C d'A portion of

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Subject: RE: Fw: Additional Input Requested from each Regional TMDL program by Wednesday (Sept 19) - Regional TMDL Dedicated Funding Needs for FY13

Hello Leigh and Jayne. I am unaware of any imminent litigation risk regarding the C d'A portion of Hangman Creek. However, the TMDL deal making which resulted in assigning overly ambitious nonpoint source pollutant loading targets (sediment and nutrients) to Hangman Creek in the Spokane TMDL become even more unrealistic if we do not address loading from the C d'A portion of the Hangman watershed. According to Ecology (and there is no argument from Tribe about this), a large portion of that loading originates within the C d'A reservation portion of the Hangman watershed and flows downstream across the ID/WA border. Anyone spending time in the Hangman watershed will recognize there is little likelihood the Spokane TMDL LAs in Hangman could ever be met... but without addressing loading from the Tribal portion of the watershed legitimately undermines the WLAs associated with the Spokane TMDL.

Other notes regarding Hangman:

- the small point source dischargers in the WA portion of Hangman Creek are being told there is no loading capacity for their discharges. It is inevitable these dischargers will point upstream toward the small point sources across the border on the C d'A reservation and claim they are being treated inequitably.
- There a WQ/landscape (WARMF) model already was already created for the Hangman watershed for our contractor (CADMUS) which has been updated by Joe Joy at Ecology. Having this model available would help streamline TMDL development.
- The Tribe formally agreed to the pollutant reductions assigned as upstream boundary targets in Ecology's TMDL. Said differently, without reductions in upstream loading (C d'A reservation) the pollutant reduction targets established in Ecology's TMDLs for the WA portion of the watershed do not add up.

For these reasons, I recommend EPA make a Regional priority of completing a TMDL for the Tribal portion of Hangman and subsequently working with the Tribe and locals to implement it. I know there are other priorities for our limited resources but thought this input might be useful as you make decisions about how to invest those resources.

Thanks. Dave R.

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Thanks for pointing that out Jayne (it is checked for other priority reasons).

Unless Don, Laurie or Dave are aware of litigation threat or risk, I would probably not check that box at this point, or further develop this writeup.

Leigh

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Jayne Carlin---09/19/2012 03:00:07 PM---Hi Leigh, I just pulled up my chart and we do not have Hangman Creek TMDL project checked under eith

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Hi Leigh,

I just pulled up my chart and we do not have Hangman Creek TMDL project checked under either threat of litigation or litigation avoidance so it is up to you whether you want to check one of those boxes and develop the associated rationales. I am sorry about the confusion.

Jayne

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Leigh Woodruff---09/19/2012 01:29:21 PM---Im putting together a couple writeups for Headquarters in support of projects we want to have funded

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Im putting together a couple writeups for Headquarters in support of projects we want to have funded this coming year. One that was on our list is the nutrient, sediment, bacteria TMDL on Hangman Creek and Rock Creek within the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.

Given that headquarters appears to only be funding projects where there is a threat of litigation or to avoid litigation, I am struggling because I dont know whehter that is the case here, or not. Im beginning to wonder if the Hangman Creek TMDL is one we should not be putting forward right now.

Do you know if there are litigation concerns here that we should be highlighting? If so, any suggestions on filling in some of these questions would be helpful, but if not - Im thinking we should not put this forward for funding right now - as much as I would like to see this TMDL completed.

Thanks,

Leigh

[attachment "Hangman Creek TMDL.docx" deleted by Jayne Carlin/R10/USEPA/US]

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Folks:

Thanks again to each Regional TMDL program for providing the information we had requested on FY13 and FY14 TMDL dedicated funding needs (see email below).

In preparation for our upcoming budget meetings with senior management, we learned there is additional information that we'll need from each Region regarding your FY 13 funding requests. We anticipate that, as was the case in recent years, there will be some difficult decisions to be made regarding funding allocations, and indications are that there are likely to be cuts in water programs across the board in FY 13.

Thus, in order to help us make the best case for our funding requests, we'll need some help from you with more specific information regarding your requests. In particular, we are requesting additional details for FY 13 on each of your projects in the following two funding categories:

- 1) Threat of Litigation to resolve existing NOIs, petitions, etc.
- 2) Litigation Avoidance TMDLs developed to avoid threat of litigation

For each of your projects (i.e., submitted row that should not exceed \$250K) that falls into one of these categories, please provide the following information in no more than a page:

- Who specifically (preferably what specific organization(s) rather than general categories) poses the existing threat or potential threat
- Why does this group pose an existing or potential threat, e.g., if possible, what evidence is there that such a group poses an existing or potential threat
- What specifically would this project accomplish, including what are the anticipated activities and how would those activities avert an existing threat or avoid a threat. Any information on the environmental benefit of the project/activities are also welcome.
- When would the project need to be started, when would it likely be completed, etc.

Given that many of you have already provided brief descriptions of each project in your original submittals several weeks ago, we are hopeful that providing this additional and consistent information will not warrant a significant effort and we'll be able to meet OWOW's timeline. To that end, please provide this information to Ruth Chemerys (cc: me) by cob Wednesday September 19.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth. In particularly, please note that over the past few weeks we have reached out to several Regions to verify the information we received in the original submittals. And, as a result of those discussions, we adjusted the Category assignment (e.g., "threat of litigation" reassigned to "litigation avoidance") for several projects in several regions. If you have any follow up questions about which projects were reassigned to what category, please contact Ruth.

Again, thanks in advance for your help and one consolidated response per region is most appreciated.

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Fire Monschein---08/03/2012 07:26:57 PM---Folks - as discussed on last 303(d) Coordinator's call, we are requesting your assistance in helping

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Folks - as discussed on last 303(d) Coordinator's call, we are requesting your assistance in helping us develop realistic estimates of your TMDL Dedicated funding needs for FY13 and FY14 to support both litigation-related TMDLs and other high-priority TMDL program needs. Note that we are requesting that you *provide your information to us by COB August 15, 2012.* As in previous years, please coordinate to submit one set of requests per Region.

This exercise is timely as we've already begun the process in Headquarters to formulate our FY13 and FY14 budget needs to meet the demands of the TMDL program. As you know, we received a total of \$4.2M in TMDL Dedicated funds in FY12. Our expectations for receiving a similar total of TMDL funding for FY13 and FY14 are unlikely, as early indications are pointing to reductions in water programs across the board. How these potential reductions might be applied to the TMDL Dedicated funds at this juncture are unclear.

To ensure that we are prepared to address our high-priority TMDL program needs, we've been asked to provide the Office of Water with our realistic projections of the TMDL Dedicated funding needs for the upcoming fiscal years. To that end, we ask that you provide us your TMDL Dedicated funding needs according to the following "litigation-related" and "other high-priority" categories. Note that for FY13 and FY14, we are also providing an opportunity for Regions to submit requests for funds to support litigation-related 303(d) listing actions.

Litigation-Related (To support TMDL development or 303(d) listing actions)

- Existing litigation obligations to address existing consent decrees, court orders, and settlement agreements for which EPA is a party
- Litigation in motion to address court actions that may result from a complaint filed against the Agency for which the court has not yet ruled or a settlement agreement has not yet been reached
- Threat of litigation to resolve existing NOIs, petitions, etc.
- Litigation avoidance TMDLs developed to avoid threat of litigation

<u>Litigation-Related (To support TMDL development)</u>

• Significantly behind pace – TMDLs developed to support states that have fallen significantly behind the 8 -13 pace schedule as documented in specific work plans, MOUs or other formal agreements

Other High Priority Needs

- Nutrient-Related TMDLs To support nutrient-related TMDL development where agriculture is likely a significant
 portion of the nonpoint source nutrient loads. Please indicate in the comment field if the TMDL(s) would help
 support either of the following: (1) implementation of a State's nutrient framework according to EPA's memo
 "Working in Partnership with States to Address Phosphorus and Nitrogen Pollution through Use of a Framework
 for State Nutrient Reductions"
 - (http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/nutrients/upload/memo-nitrogen-framework.pdf) or (2) implementation of USDA targeted watershed initiatives to reduce nutrient runoff, such as the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/home/?&cid=stelprdb1048200)
- Continuation of critical projects ongoing high-priority TMDL projects with our State/local partners in which TMDL completion is otherwise in jeopardy
- Multi-jurisdictional (MJTMDL), Tribal or Federal lands TMDLs affecting multi-jurisdictional water, tribal or federal lands
- Environmental benefits projects projects that will demonstrate significant on-the-ground results and/or environmental benefits

Please provide to us your funding needs according to these categories using the attached spreadsheet. A few noteworthy items to consider as you work through this exercise and populate the spreadsheet:

- Identify the FY13 and FY14 funding need for each project in the left-most column that is applicable.
- No single line should exceed \$250K. If the request for a project exceeds \$250K, subdivide the project into different lines and accurately characterize and justify at that level of detail what the funding will support.
- We recognize that multiple columns may be applicable for any one project. That said, after placing the funding need in the left-most column that is applicable, also place an "X" in any of the other columns that apply for each project.
- Please provide a brief summary of the intended use of the funds in each row in the "comment column" and how it ties back to the funding categories that you have requested money and described (as applicable) with an "X"
- We recognize that funding requests for FY13 and/or FY14 may not yield TMDLs for one or more years. Identify the funds needed in the year you need them to satisfy the TMDL production schedule expectations.
- Several Regions are in the process of renegotiating existing litigation obligations. For those situations, identify the FY13 and FY14 dedicated fund needs to meet both the existing obligation, as well as the projected renegotiated obligations. Separate rows should be used to distinguish existing from projected.
- For planning purposes, it's more important at this point to provide accurate estimates for your FY13 needs and requests. We recognize the FY14 projections may be challenging at this time for many projects; hence, we will consider your FY14 requests as general estimates that will give us a relative sense of whether the TMDL dedicated funds needs and requests will significantly shift up or down in FY14 relative to FY13.

Please provide your Regional funding estimates per project and funding category totals on the spreadsheet (attached) to Ruth Chemerys and Eric Monschein by COB August 15, 2011. Questions on this exercise can be directed to Ruth or Eric. Thanks in advance for your assistance in providing us with this information.

Eric

Attachment

[attachment "Regional Dedicated Fund Requests for FY13 and FY14_Aug1.xlsx" deleted by Leigh Woodruff/R10/USEPA/US]

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